

A QUICK GUIDE TO ONLINE LEARNING AT UNO

TOP 10 QUESTIONS ANSWERED



1. Are online courses right for me?

Students who are generally organized, independent, and have good time-management skills tend to do well in online courses. Online coursework can be ideal if you need the convenience and flexibility to learn at your own pace and on a schedule that fits your lifestyle.

- **Personalized Learning:** Online classes provide flexible access to course materials so you can study and complete requirements when it works for you.
- **Meaningful Engagement:** Many students feel more comfortable engaging in meaningful discussions online than in a classroom.
- **Accessible Education:** Online coursework helps remove barriers caused by time and distance so that you can reach your goals. This can be helpful for those who work full-time, live in remote regions, or serve in the military.

2. What types of online programs are available at UNO?

UNO offers a variety of programs with online options including bachelor's and graduate degrees, undergraduate and graduate minors, undergraduate and graduate certificates, graduate endorsements, and microcredentials.

3. Will classes meet at a specific time?

It depends. Every class in the course catalog is listed with a "delivery mode," which indicates how it will be taught and whether or not you must attend set meetings.

- **Fully online, asynchronous courses** are 100% online and never meet face-to-face. This format allows you to learn on your own schedule within a certain time frame. You can access and instruction, readings, homework, and other learning materials at any time during a one- or two-week period.
- **Remote, synchronous courses** are 100% online with a scheduled virtual classroom component which means that although you will be primarily learning from a distance, you will attend a remote session each week at the same time as your instructor and classmates. The virtual class component is a firm, weekly time commitment that cannot be rescheduled.
- **Hybrid courses** offer a blend of web-based online learning methods with traditional face-to-face instruction through scheduled in-person or remote classroom sessions.

4. What are the technical requirements for an online course?

All online courses require a reliable internet connection. Although they may have different technical requirements, all online courses are offered through Canvas, UNO's web-based learning system.

Basic Technology Recommendations:

- Laptop or desktop computer
- Webcam and microphone
- Up-to-date word processor, such as Microsoft Word or Google Docs (provided to UNO students)
- Zoom web conferencing program on your computer (provided to UNO students)

UNO's Information Technology Services has a small number of laptops and wifi hotspots available for you to check out. If you have technical problems, the MavTECH Help Center is available to help.

5. How are online courses taught?

Online courses offer a variety of ways for students to engage with course material. Teaching methods vary by course and instructor but may include pre-recorded instruction, videos, podcasts, PowerPoint slides, interactive chat rooms, blog posts, and more.

Access to the course materials, syllabus, and other class information will be clearly communicated through Canvas as well as directly by your professor.

6. What do I do if I have questions about an assignment?

The same award-winning faculty that teach face-to-face courses at UNO also teach in the online environment. Questions about assignments or any part of the class can be directed to your professor by email, phone, or through Canvas.

7. What is the typical workload and time commitment for an online course?

The workload from in-person to online courses is equal but may vary depending on the specific course you take and your study habits. Undergraduate students average between 8 and 12 hours a week studying and completing assignments for a 3-credit course. Graduate-level courses tend to involve more extensive (often research-based) assignments, so they require more time on a weekly basis.

8. Do online students have access to academic resources on campus?

Yes! Having the right resources can make all the difference in your education journey. UNO provides online students with on-campus support through academic learning centers, student community resource centers, academic advising, financial support and scholarship, access to Criss Library, and more.

9. How much does an online class cost?

Online tuition rates are calculated by the credit hour and college offering the course. Online at UNO offers one of the most affordable tuition rates in the region.

- Students from 11 regional states are also eligible from a significantly reduced tuition rate through the OUR (Omaha Urban Rate) Tuition.
- Many online courses are part of the Open Nebraska program which provides no-cost and reduced-cost textbooks and course materials.

Visit cashiering.unomaha.edu/tuition for more info.

10. What's my next step?

Explore UNO's online programs and courses through our course catalog and apply to UNO to get started!